

What do you do if you get a traffic/parking citation?

Approximately 300 traffic and parking citations are issued each month on local federal properties. Individuals who are cited at these locations have three options. They may: 1) Pay the fine in full before their court date, 2) Protest the citation to the Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA), or 3) Appear in court. Individuals who fail to take this action on a ticket will be unable to register vehicles or renew licenses. Individuals who fail to take this action on two or more citations will also lose their driving privileges on DLI and OMC.

Payment: All payments must be made to the Central Violations Bureau, PO Box 740026, Atlanta, GA 30374-0026. Write your citation number on your check or money order. You can also pay by credit card over the phone: 1-800-827-2982. CVB must receive payment within two weeks after issuance of the citation or CVB will send a Notice to Appear with a court date to the defendant.

Protests: If the defendant chooses to protest their citation, it must be submitted to the SAUSA in writing using the attached Violation Protest form. In addition to the protest form, a copy of the original citation and any relevant evidence must be submitted. The point of contact for protests is Mr. Mike Bruun at (831) 242-7321. Protests may be mailed to the SAUSA at: DLIFLC, 1336 Plummer Street, Building 275, Monterey, CA 93944 or faxed to (831) 242-5981. When you submit a protest you are asking the prosecutor (the SAUSA) to consider reducing or dismissing your citation. Simply submitting a protest does **not** clear a citation, and it **does not** excuse you from your scheduled court appearance. Unless you receive notice from the SAUSA that your citation was reduced or dismissed, you must appear in court or pay in full.

Court: If the defendant chooses to appear in court, or has received a Notice to Appear in court, infraction hearings are held in the United States Bankruptcy Court in Salinas. Court is generally held on the first Monday of every other month. The Bankruptcy Court is located at 1000 S. Main Street in Salinas, California. Directions to the courthouse follow:

From 101 – Take the Main St. ramp toward Salinas, stay straight to go onto N. Main St./CA-183 South, which becomes Salinas St., turn left onto John St., turn right onto S. Main St./CA-68 to 1000 S. Main St., turn right at Romie Lane, turn left into the first parking lot.

From Hwy 1/Seaside – Take Hwy 1 Northbound, merge onto CA-68 East toward Salinas, which turns into S. Main St., to 1000 S. Main St., turn left at Romie Lane, turn left into the first parking lot.